

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 8-10 and 20-22 are being cancelled.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claim 8-10 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Menon, et al. (US 6,868,143 B1).

The Applicant herein cancels claims 8-10 and 20-22.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed claims 1-7 and 11-19. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and respectfully requests for the expedient allowance of the allowable claims.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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